

# ENVIRONMENTAL Fact Sheet



**Harbor Oil Superfund Site, Portland, Oregon**  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

April 2004

## Find Out More About the Harbor Oil Superfund Site

Harbor Oil, located at 11535 N. Force Ave. in Portland, was added to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Priorities List in September 2003. The site is a waste-oil reprocessing facility, in an industrial area near the Expo Center. Contamination coming from the site poses a risk to Force Lake and adjacent wetlands.

### Come to a Community Meeting about the Harbor Oil Site

**Thursday, May 6, 2004**  
**Kenton Firehouse**  
**8102 N. Brandon St.**  
**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

- **Kevin Rochlin**, EPA Project Manager — *The investigation and cleanup of the Harbor Oil site and the next steps in the process*
- **David Coles**, Coles Engineering — *Site conditions from the preliminary site assessment*
- **Mark Stephan**, Kenton resident — *Next steps in forming a Community Advisory Group*

*You are also invited to drop in from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., before the meeting, for an informal Public Availability, hosted by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Superfund Health Investigation and Education (SHINE) Program. This time is set aside so you can talk with SHINE representatives about health concerns related to the facility and learn the results and recommendations of the Harbor Oil Public Health Assessment.*

### Tour of Harbor Oil Site Scheduled

The current operator at the Harbor Oil site, the Oil Re-Refining Company (ORRICO), is providing a tour of the Harbor Oil facility for the Community Advisory Group and other interested parties on Wednesday, June 2, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. If you plan to attend the tour, please RSVP to Joe Annett, 503-823-2934 [josepha@bes.ci.portland.or.us](mailto:josepha@bes.ci.portland.or.us).

**What kind of contamination is on the site?**

EPA inspected the Harbor Oil site in the summer of 2000. During the inspection, EPA documented the presence of several hazardous substances in the soil at the site, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds, metals, pesticides, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

**How did the site get contaminated?**

The site was formerly used for waste-oil processing and as a tank truck cleaning facility. In March 1974, a major waste-oil spill from on-site storage tanks killed fish in Force Lake. In October 1979, a severe fire destroyed the facility, causing a great volume of used oils and other contaminants to flow across the site, into wetlands bordering the site and into Force Lake. The site was reconstructed in 1980.

**What process was used to list the site?**

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality referred the Harbor Oil site to EPA in 2002. Harbor Oil was listed as a Superfund site following a review of conditions at the 4.2-acre facility. EPA proposed the site for its National Priorities List on September 5, 2002 and accepted public comments until November 4, 2002. The Agency considered input from the community, state and local agencies, and tribes before adding the site to the list.

**What happens next?**

In May, EPA will send letters to potentially responsible parties (those identified by EPA as responsible for the contamination). The Agency will use its enforcement authorities to negotiate with these parties to have them perform the site investigation and site cleanup. Funding has been set aside to begin a study called a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study for the Harbor Oil site. This study will better define the nature and extent of site contamination.

**Join The Harbor Oil Community Advisory Group**

A number of interested community members met in January and April to assess interest in forming a Community Advisory Group for the Harbor Oil Superfund site. This group will advise EPA about community issues and concerns for the site, and provide a place where information can be shared and discussed among many diverse community representatives.

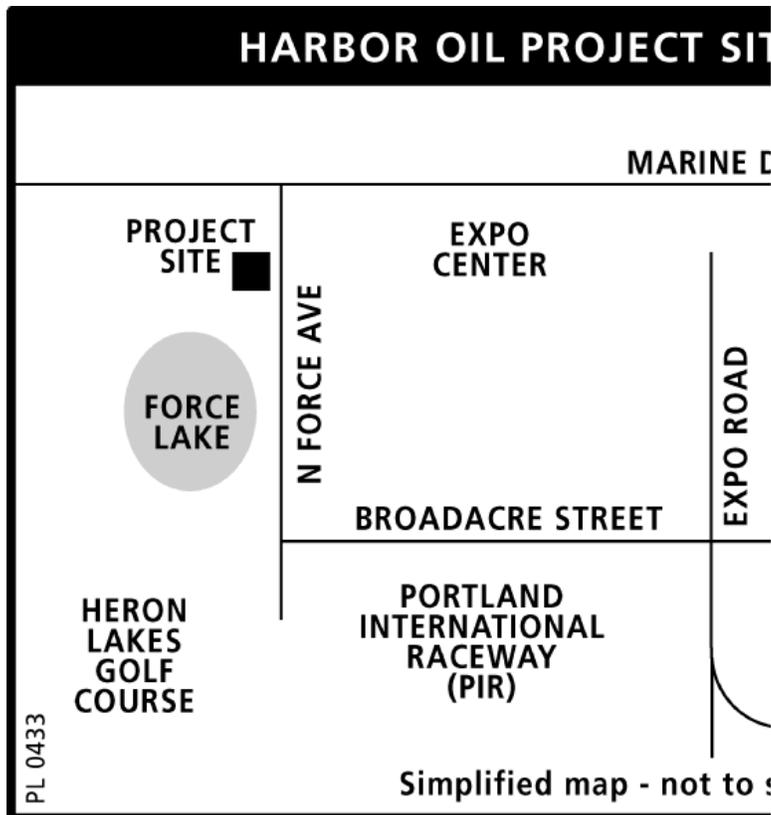
If you would like more information about this group, please contact Kenton resident Mark Stephan at 503-240-4965 (home), 360-546-9467 (work) or via e-mail: [stephanm@vancouver.wsu.edu](mailto:stephanm@vancouver.wsu.edu).

**How can I find out more about the Harbor Oil Superfund Site?**

Visit the EPA website at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/hoi> or contact:

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To receive future fact sheets about EPA activities at the Harbor Oil site, please fill out this form and return it to EPA. You may also e-mail your contact information to [smith.judy@epa.gov](mailto:smith.judy@epa.gov).

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